

## **Trails Corridors Subcommittee Meeting**

October 16, 2018 1:00 PM EST

1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room

1 North Capitol Avenue

Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

### **Bicycle Trails Task Force Members:**

Mitch Barloga  
Andrew Forrester (by phone)  
Paul Grayson  
Vincent Griffin  
Kyle Hannon  
Amy Marisavljevic  
Jay Mitchell  
Jeff Smallwood  
Justin Schneider

### **Guests:**

Dale Brier, DNR  
Bob Bronson, DNR  
Brandon Burgoa, INDOT  
Ward Kennedy, Indy MPO  
Tim Maloney, HEC  
Nathanial Simmons, DNR  
Justin Swanson, Bose, McKinney & Evans  
Kevin Tilbury, Cambridge Systematics  
Bob Weaver, HEC

### **Welcome & Introductions**

Mitch Barloga called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM. All subcommittee members introduced each other including guests.

### **Final Selection of Map Additions, Criteria & Responsibilities**

Barloga presented on a revised methodology of expanding the Visionary Trail Network in Indiana. This was based on feedback from the last meeting in August. A handout on this proposal was distributed, and is attached to these minutes.

As a recap of the August minutes, the handout includes an explanation of a revamped priority system, which would include another category as “Potential Visionary Trails.” These corridors would be included to help connect both Priority and Secondary Visionary Trail routes already defined by the DNR. A series of criteria is presented as a guide for determining these routes.

A map of how these Potential Visionary Trails may look on a revamped statewide map is also on the handout. This was prepared to give the Committee a better understanding of how these new routes would relate to the existing ones.

Barloga emphasized that the DNR would be the chief authority responsible for establishing the Potential Visionary Trails. This would be accomplished by researching potential trails that could link the Visionary Network using criteria as set forth in the report.

After this presentation, subcommittee members discussed how this could be implemented going forward. Two major points were dialogued – the first being the cost to finish the existing Visionary Trails Network, and the second the process behind establishing the Potential Trails.

### **Discussion of Next Steps**

From this a consensus was reached that the DNR be charged with estimating how much it would cost to build-out the existing Visionary Trails Network. Once completed, these figures should be part of the final report to the General Assembly, with the goal of establishing a sustainable funding source to complete the Network. There was also some discussion about getting these figures to the Assembly before the start of the 2019 session since the budget will be proposed.

Regarding the Potential Visionary Trails, the DNR should analyze any existing plans (local, state, regional or privately-funded) in those parts of the state where major gaps exist. This may aid the development of these routes based on established local feedback. Apart from this, the DNR should also review those routes that offer the best opportunity where the gaps exist. This should be done in conjunction with local partnerships if possible.

A final discussion took place on adopting a brand for the Visionary Trails Network. Several names were brought up with no clear consensus. It was the determination of the subcommittee that this matter be forwarded to the Task Force members for their further consideration.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 PM